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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO AFRICA: BRIEFING PAPER:  
BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF ZANZIBAR LEADERS

1. FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL  
ZANZIBARIS WHOM AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS MOST LIKELY TO MEET DURING  
FEB 5 CELEBRATION, PREPARED BY THE AMERICAN CONSULATE ZANZIBAR.

2. ABOUD JUMBE. JUMBE, 56, IS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF  
TANZANIA, PRESIDENT OF THE ZANZIBAR AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY, AND  
CHAIRMAN OF ZANZIBAR'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. HE HAS JUST  
BEEN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA'S NEW REVOLUTIONARY  
PARTY (CHAMA CHA MAPINDUZI -- CCM) WHICH IS TO COME INTO  
BEING FEBRUARY 5.

JUMBE ASSUMED  
HIS PRESENT POSITION IN 1972, AFTER  
ASSASSINATION OF HIS PREDECESSOR, ABEID KARUME. HE IS A  
CONVINCED SOCIALIST, AND A BELIEVER IN A ONE-PARTY SYSTEM,  
BUT ALSO A PRAGMATIST WHO HAS NOTICEABLY RELAXED THE  
MILITANTLY RADICAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH PREVAILED IN  
ZANZIBAR UNDER KARUME. HE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
RACIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND A  
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STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IN THE  
THIRD WORLD. WHEN IN AN AMBIANCE HOSTILE TO THE UNITED  
STATES, HE IS PRONE TO TAKING ANTI-AMERICAN SWIPES,  
THOUGH THIS IS NOT HIS CUSTOMARY Demeanor.

JUMBE HAS EFFECTIVELY NEUTRALIZED HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS  
IN ZANZIBAR. HE HAS NOT DELEGATED POWER EFFECTIVELY, SO THAT

MUCH OF THE GOVERNMENT STANDS IDLE DURING HIS FREQUENT ABSENCES. HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF TO BE SURROUNDED BY INCOMPETENTS, AND PRIVATELY MANIFESTS FRUSTRATION AT ZANZIBAR'S LACK OF PROGRESS. IN THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS HE HAS IMMERSSED HIMSELF IN MAINLAND TANZANIAN AFFAIRS, AND SPECULATION IS WIDESPREAD THAT HE IS BEING GROOMED AS A SUCCESSOR TO NYERERE AS PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA. THIS IS HIS PRINCIPAL LIABILITY AT HOME, SINCE ZANZIBAR'S CHRONIC DIFFICULTIES, SUCH AS SHORTAGES OF FOOD, ARE BEING LAID AT HIS DOOR BECAUSE OF HIS RECENT LACK OF ATTENTION TO ZANZIBAR AFFAIRS.

JUMBE WAS A SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER BEFORE ENTERING POLITICS, TO WHICH HE HAS DEVOTED HIMSELF SINCE BEFORE THE 1964 ZANZIBAR REVOLUTION. HE IS AN AFFABLE CONVERSATIONALIST WHO USUALLY MAKES A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

3. SHEIKH THABIT KOMBO. KOMBO, 72, IS NEARING THE END OF HIS POLITICAL CAREER AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ABOUT-TO-DISAPPEAR AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY, AND THERE SEEMS NO PLACE FOR HIM IN THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY PARTY. HE REMAINS INFLUENTIAL AS THE MOST IMPORTANT SHIRAZI (ZANZIBARIS OF MIXED DESCENT FROM EARLY AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS AND MIDDLE-EASTERN SETTLERS), AND AS ONE OF THE LEADING MEMBERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. HE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN (MINISTER) OF COMMERCE IN THE ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT.

KOMBO IS A STAUNCH ZANZIBARI NATIONALIST, WHO STRONGLY OPPOSED THE FORTHCOMING MERGER OF THE AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY  
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WITH MAINLAND TANZANIA'S TANU, THOUGH HE WAS INDCEDED TO CHAIR THE COMMITTEE THAT DRAFTED THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY PARTY'S CONSTITUTION. HE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF KARUME (AND LIMPS FROM A WOUND RECEIVED AT THE TIME OF KARUME'S ASSASSINATION). HE IS PROBABLY THE MOST CORRUPT MEMBER OF THE ZANZIBARI HIERARCH. HE SPEAKS ADEQUATE ENGLISH.

4. HASSAN NASSOR MOYO. MOYO, 43, IS THE MINISTER OF STATE IN JUMBE'S OFFICE, AND A GOOD BET TO SUCCEED JUMBE ONE DAY IN ZANZIBAR. HE IS FUNCTIONALLY THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN ZANZIBAR, AND PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN KEEPING THE GOVERNMENT RUNNING. MOYO, WHO BEGAN HIS POLITICAL CAREER AS A LABOR LEADER, IS BRIGHT BUT NOT WELL-EDUCATED. HIS ONE-TIME PRO-COMMUNIST OUTLOOK SEEMS TO HAVE SOFTENED AND HE IS EASILY APPROACHED BY AMERICANS. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

5. WOLFANGO DOURADO. DOURADO, 48 IS ZANZIBAR'S ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND ONE OF ITS MOST COLORFUL FIGURES. HE WILL PROBABLY NOT APPEAR AT PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS, BUT HIS LIVELY

CURIOSITY AND APPRECIATION OF THINGS AMERICAN IS LIKELY TO DRAW HIM INTO CONTACT WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION. BORN IN ZANZIBAR OF GOAN (PORTUGUESE INDIAN) ANCESTRY, DOURADO RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE IN LONDON (MIDDLE TEMPLE), AND IS THE ONLY ATTORNEY IN ZANZIBAR. AS THE ONLY MAN IN ZANZIBAR WHO CAN READ A CONTRACT, HE IS IN ON MOST GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND HAS MADE HIMSELF VIRTUALLY INDISPENSABLE.

DOURADO'S VIEWS OFTEN SOUND STARTLING IN THE TANZANIAN SETTING, AND HE EXPRESSES THEM IN A GARRULOUS AND OCCASIONALLY AGGRESSIVELY ARGUMENTATIVE WAY. HE IS ANTI-SOCIALIST, ANTI-MAINLAND TANZANIA, AND FIERCELY ANTI-NYERERE. HE HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT MODERATING INFLUENCE ON JUMBE. DOURADO, WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, IS AN OPEN ADMIRER OF THE UNITED STATES AND VISITED THE U.S. ON AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT IN 1975.

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